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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jens Kossmann et al.  
Application No. : 09/850,991 Confirmation No. : 3510  
Filed : May 8, 2001  
For : NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES CODING FOR  
DEBRANCHING ENZYMES FROM MAIZE  
Group Art Unit : 1638  
Examiner : David T. Fox

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New York, New York  
October 16, 2002

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 2327  
Arlington, VA 22202

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the September 16, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. The time for replying to the Office Action is a period of one month, up to and including October 16, 2002. Thus, this response is timely filed.

*Kindly amend the application as follows:*

IN THE CLAIMS

*Cancel claims 9, 15, 21, 27 and 29-33, without prejudice.*